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Concord, Mass.

My dear Mr. Shay.

Under the auspices of the Danvers Historical Society, it is proposed to hold a meeting commemorative of the old Anti-Slavery days,— when we shall endeavor to have present as many as possible of "the Old Guard". Alas, how many of the Veterans have gone! But Jn & Some others are still left, thank God, & long may Jn & they be spared to us. It would be a great joy to us to have Jn with us on the occasion referred to, and

I have just written to Mr. Pillsbury & am going to write also to Theodore D. Weld Frederick Douglass, Rev. T. T. Sloan, Lucy Sloan, Geo. W. Putnam, Lothers. Read them such as may occur to you as among the living still, & such as should be invited to take part. I shall be Extremely obliged to Ja. I fear some are too old & feeble to respond - but we want to get all whom we can of those who Early witnessed to the good confession & fought nobly to the end. Danvers, Jan Know, was the home of many true Abolitionists. Trusting You are in comfortable health & promising that we will take good care of Ja in Jan visit, I am always, Gratefully & faithfully Yours. A. P. Putnam

I write to invite Jas, in behalf of the Committee, to come & let us hear from Jas, on the 26th of April, - the next Month. Probably there will be two Meetings, one in the afternoon & one in the Evening, so as to give all the Speakers time & chance to relate their Reminiscences of the Ever Memorable battle for the Rights of the poor & the down-trodden. We would not tax Jas overmuch - but if Jas can be present, & occupy, say about 20 Minutes, it would be a great favor to us all.

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